

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9, 11-15, and 17-23, cancel claims 10, 16, and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 25 and 26, as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

~~for configuring an anchor node in a communication network, the method comprising the steps of~~ wherein the configuring comprises:

first requesting to initiate a communication session for a first terminal via a communication management node of said communication network;

first establishing, at an anchor node, a binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node;

forwarding said first requesting to initiate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards a second terminal;

acknowledging said first requesting to initiate by said second terminal to said communication management node; and

second establishing, at said anchor node, a binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node; and

communicating data in the communication session between the first terminal and the second terminal, wherein the communicating comprises:

transmitting the data to be communicated from the first terminal to the anchor node, the anchor node configured to store a table of respective bindings for the terminals, and

relaying the data to be communicated from the anchor node towards a filtering node of said network using the configured bindings for the terminals, wherein the said filtering node filters said data to be communicated based on the bindings for said terminals.

2. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~step of~~ requesting to initiate comprises ~~a step of~~:

indicating to said communication management node, at least the addresses of the terminals to be involved in the communication session.

3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein said ~~step of~~ indicating further comprises:

informing a port number for said communication session of said first terminal.

4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein each of said ~~steps of establishing~~ first and second establishings of the bindings comprise:

~~the step of~~ associating an alias to said respective terminal.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein each of said steps of establishing first and second establishings of the bindings further comprise ~~the step of~~ storing the associated alias for the respective terminal at said anchor node.

6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~step of~~ acknowledging further comprises ~~a step of~~:

informing a port number for said communication session of said second terminal.

7. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising :
notifying said first terminal of the initiation of the session using the binding for said second terminal.

8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising ~~steps of~~:

second requesting to terminate the communication session for the first terminal via the communication management node of said communication network,

forwarding said second requesting to terminate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards the second terminal,

acknowledging said second requesting to terminate by said second terminal to said communication management node,

first releasing, at the anchor node, the binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node, and

second releasing, at said anchor node, the binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node.

9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein each of said first and second releasings ~~steps of releasing~~ comprise a step of:

deleting the associated alias for the respective terminal at said anchor node.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1-10, wherein said ~~step of~~ filtering further comprises:

passing said data to be communicated through said filtering node onwards to the second terminal based on the binding, if such binding exists among the configured bindings.

12. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1-10, wherein said ~~step of~~ filtering further comprises:

blocking said data from being communicated through said filtering node to the second terminal based on the binding, if such binding does not exist among the configured bindings.

13. (Currently amended) An ~~anchor node~~ apparatus in a communication network, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive~~for receiving~~ a first binding request for establishing a first binding for a first terminal requesting a communication session initiation from a communication management node;; and

~~a processor for establishing the first binding for said first terminal in response to said received binding request and returning said binding to said communication management node;~~

~~said receiver receiving~~ configured to receive a second binding request for establishing a second binding for a second terminal to be involved in the communication session from the communication management node; ~~and~~

a processor configured to establish the first binding for said first terminal in response to said received binding request and returning said binding to said communication management node ~~said processor and configured to establish~~ establishing the second binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node; and

a memory configured to store a table of respective configured bindings for the terminals,

wherein the receiver is further configured to receive data to be communicated from the first terminal to the second terminal, and

wherein the processor is further configured to relay the data to be communicated towards a filtering node of said network using the configured bindings for the terminals.

14. (Currently amended) An ~~anchor node~~apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said processor comprises an allocating device configured to associate ~~associating~~ an alias to said respective terminal when establishing the binding.

15. (Currently amended) An ~~anchor node~~apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising:

a second memory configured to store ~~storing~~ the associated alias for the respective terminal.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A ~~filtering node~~device in a communication network, the ~~filtering node~~ comprising:

a receiver configured to receive ~~receiving~~ data to be communicated from a first terminal to a second terminal, the data being received from an anchor node maintaining bindings for the terminals, wherein said bindings comprise a binding for said first terminal and a second binding for the second terminal;

a processor configured to analyze ~~analyzing~~ the bindings for said terminals; and

a filter configured to filter ~~filtering~~ said data dependent on the result of the analysis.

18. (Currently amended) A ~~filtering node~~device according to claim 17, wherein said filter is configured to pass ~~passes~~ said data to be communicated onwards to the second terminal based on the binding, if such binding exists among the configured bindings at the anchor node.

19. (Currently amended) A ~~filtering node~~device according to claim 17, wherein said filter is configured to block ~~blocks~~ said data from being communicated onwards to the second terminal based on the binding, if such binding does not exist among the configured bindings at the anchor node.

20. (Currently amended) A method according to claim- ~~1~~ 10, wherein said ~~step of~~ relaying comprises ~~a step of performing an~~ address translation based on the configured bindings.

21. (Currently amended) An ~~anchor node~~apparatus according to claim ~~16~~ 13, wherein said processor comprises an address translator ~~which~~ configured to perform ~~performs~~ an address translation based on the configured bindings.

22. (Currently amended) A ~~system for configuring an anchor node in a~~ communication network, ~~the system comprising:~~

first requesting circuitry configured to first request ~~means for first requesting to~~ initiate a communication session for a first terminal via a communication management node of ~~said~~ a communication network;

first establishing circuitry configured to first establish, ~~means for first establishing~~ at an anchor node, a binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node;

forwarding circuitry configured to forward ~~means for forwarding~~ said first requesting to initiate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards a second terminal;

first acknowledging unit circuitry configured to acknowledge ~~means for acknowledging~~ said first requesting to initiate by said second terminal to said communication management node; ~~and~~

second establishing unit circuitry configured to second establish ~~means for second establishing~~, at said anchor node, a binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node;

a transmitter configured to transmit the data to be communicated from the first terminal to an anchor node, the anchor node configured to store a table of respective bindings for the terminals;

relaying circuitry configured to relay the data to be communicated from the anchor node towards a filtering node of said network using the configured bindings for the terminals; and

filtering circuitry configured to filter, at said filtering node, said data to be communicated based on the bindings for said terminals.

23. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 22, further comprising:

second requesting circuitry configured to second request ~~means for second requesting~~ to terminate the communication session for the first terminal via the communication management node of said communication network;

forwarding ~~means~~ circuitry configured to forward ~~for forwarding~~ said second requesting to terminate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards the second terminal;

second acknowledging circuitry configured to acknowledge ~~means for acknowledging~~ said second requesting to terminate by said second terminal to said communication management node;

first releasing circuitry configured to first release ~~means for first releasing~~, at the anchor node, the binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node; and

second releasing circuitry configured to second release ~~means~~, at said anchor node, the binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A system, comprising:

first requesting means for first requesting to initiate a communication session for a first terminal via a communication management node of a communication network;

first establishing means for first establishing at an anchor node, a binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node;

forwarding means for forwarding said first requesting to initiate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards a second terminal;

acknowledging means for acknowledging said first requesting to initiate by said second terminal to said communication management node;

second establishing means for second establishing at said anchor node, a binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node;

transmitting means for transmitting the data to be communicated from the first terminal to an anchor node, the anchor node configured to store a table of respective bindings for the terminals;

relaying means for relaying the data to be communicated from the anchor node towards a filtering node of said network using the configured bindings for the terminals;
and

filtering means for filtering, at said filtering node, said data to be communicated based on the bindings for said terminals.

26. (New) The system according to claim 25, further comprising:

second requesting means for second requesting to terminate the communication session for the first terminal via the communication management node of said communication network;

forwarding means for forwarding said second requesting to terminate from said communication management node based on the established binding towards the second terminal;

acknowledging means for acknowledging said second requesting to terminate by said second terminal to said communication management node;

first releasing means for first releasing, at the anchor node, the binding for the first terminal upon request by said communication management node; and

second releasing means, at said anchor node, the binding for the second terminal upon request by said communication management node.